Childers Receives U.S. Chamber Spirit of Enterprise Award

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Washington, DC – U.S. Rep. Travis Childers (MS-01) was honored yesterday on Capitol Hill by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and presented with the Spirit of Enterprise Award for his pro-business record during the first session of the 111th Congress.

"I'm a small businessman myself, and I know how important keeping America's businesses competitive on a global scale is to creating and saving jobs at home and rebuilding our economy," said Congressman Childers. "I'm honored to receive the U.S. Chamber's Spirit of Enterprise Award, and I will continue working hard to promote business growth in Mississippi and nationwide."

"The Chamber applauds Representative Childers for supporting the private sector and job growth through these difficult times," said Thomas J. Donohue, president and CEO of the U.S. Chamber. "He has demonstrated great courage and we commend him."

Eligibility for the award is based on how Members of Congress vote on key business issues, which the Chamber outlines in its annual publication How They Voted. These designated "key votes" are recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote. Those members of Congress who support the Chamber's position on at least 70% of those votes receive the award.

A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and

was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit www.childers.house.gov